

of fertile soil. About 80 per cent of Canada's farmland is in the prairies, considered one of the world's largest granaries.

Almost all minerals necessary to a modern economy are found in the Canadian subsoil. Canada is the world's largest exporter of minerals and a major producer of nickel, zinc, gypsum, potash, sulphur, aluminum, gold, copper and iron ore.



Sixty-seven per cent of all electric power in Canada is generated by water. Canadian rivers carry one-tenth of the water carried by the world's waterways, and this has enabled Canada to become a leader in the design and construction of hydro-electric power stations and electrical transmission and distribution systems. Canada is the world's third-largest producer of natural gas and electricity, is a major world supplier of uranium and is virtually self-sufficient in coal. In 1985, Canada was ranked fourth in the world for total energy production.

For reasons of geography and economics, Canada is a net exporter of energy but also a net importer of oil. Alberta and